

Graduate School of Business Administration and Distribution

Bringing Tomorrow's Businesses to Life Mastering the Ability to Imagine Solutions through Innovation

The globalization of the economy, progress in information networks, and advances in transportation and communication demand a new paradigm for economic activities. Architecting systems in the fields of industry, logistics, and services, along with innovation in the field of manufacturing, are an indispensable element in the stability and growth of the global economy and a problem demanding urgent solutions. The old playbook no longer applies; in this rapidly changing world where regulations are being abolished, even small- and medium-sized companies can flourish. Therefore, now is the time to ignite innovation and provide new solutions that will expand business opportunities in the future. To address such changes in the international arena and respond to the needs of the field of industry, our University's Graduate School of Business Administration and Distribution has established its master's and doctoral programs. Our new graduate school format showcases cutting-edge business administration and logistics to nurture the development of students who will be able to create new solutions.

Educational Objectives

With globalization proceeding apace and commercial regulation increasingly liberalized, we live in a fiercely competitive society. The objective of the Graduate School of Business Administration and Distribution is to develop and enable professionals and researchers who can solve a multitude of problems in a dynamic business environment, provide new solutions, and contribute to the development of corporate society.

Educational Goals

The School of Business Administration and Distribution has established the following goals to achieve these educational objectives. Taking a high-level and globally inspired view of the changes in corporate society and management, the graduate school will cultivate the ability to

- decipher and analyze changes;
- analyze changes in corporate society, identify challenges, and derive solutions to those challenges; and
- integrate into theses and papers the process starting with framing problems and extending through deriving solutions.

Master's Program

1. Diploma policy

Given the educational goals above, the master's program in the Graduate School of Business Administration and Distribution awards the degree of Master of Business Administration to those who have mastered the following body of knowledge and capabilities:

- the ability to deeply understand and analyze changes in the industrial economy, both internationally and in the long term;
- fundamental research skills and expertise to reason systematically and holistically about the urgent challenges in one's area of research;
- a developed sense of ethics as a researcher;
- the ability to prepare a master's thesis embodying and applying the knowledge one has learned and accumulated.

2. Curriculum Policy

We have established five tracks of systematic programs designed to cultivate the knowledge and skills listed in the diploma policy and comprising basic elective subjects for acquiring fundamental knowledge of business administration and logistics as well as advanced courses for acquiring specialized knowledge in each track. In addition, the first and second years involve practical exercises for completing the master's thesis on the basis of ongoing discussions with an advisor.

3. Admission Policy

We seek students who (i) have mastered basic knowledge about a range of activities in increasingly IT-centric and globalized corporations, (ii) can take the lead in management and logistics innovation with an international and long-term perspective while taking a systems thinking approach, (iii) possess the expertise and skills to solve high-level problems and architect management systems, and (iv) aspire to become imaginative professionals and researchers. In summary, students will be able to

- understand the reality of corporations acting globally,
- understand the role played by IT in corporate activities,
- understand the business environment in which companies in each field operate, and
- exhibit a deep interest in deriving solutions to the challenges faced by corporations.

4. Student Selection and Timing of Entrance Exams

(1) Selection Method

- **Regular entrance examination:** foreign language test (Japanese or English), specialized subjects test, interviews, grade point average (GPA)
- **Entrance examination for working applicants:** interviews, documentation

(2) Timing of Entrance Exams

- **First entrance examination:** application in September each year, with exam in October
- **Second entrance examination:** application in January each year, with exam in February

5. Study Tracks and Faculty Members

(1) Accounting and Finance Study Track

The objective of this track is to produce accounting and finance professionals demanded by an information-centric society with increasingly global capital markets and international accounting standards. We focus on enhancing specialized knowledge and skills in fields such as financial accounting, management accounting, and international comparative studies as well as developing problem-solving abilities. Students in this track may aspire to assume responsibility for accounting and finance at corporations and public institutions or become tax accountants or certified public accountants.

- Faculty members for each major, subjects they teach, and research topics (alphabetical order)

Faculty Members	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor FUJIOKA Eiji	Advanced Course in Auditing	Certified Public Accountant Auditing of Non-profit Organizations
Professor SAITO Masako	Advanced Course in Financial Accounting	Global Accounting Education, Accounting for Business Combinations
Professor SAWANOBORI Chie	Advanced Course in Accounting	History of Accounting in the U.K.
Professor SON Ensik	Advanced Course in International Accounting	International Accounting

- Teaching faculty, subjects they teach, and research topics (alphabetical order)

Teaching Faculty	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor NAKANISHI Motoi	Advanced Course in Tax Law	Tax Systems and Accounting Systems
Professor HIGASHIRA Tokuichi	Advanced Course in International Taxation	International Tax Strategies of Japanese Firms and Japan's Tax System
Associate Professor ISHIBASHI Shohei	Advanced Course in Finance	Relationship Banking

(2) Corporate Management and Management Strategy Research Track

This track is designed to develop managers who can lead companies through rapid changes in the business environment. It is crucial not only to master fundamental theory about corporate systems and their management but also to hone the problem-solving abilities needed in actual management. We offer a variety of subjects ranging from general business administration to individual topics on managing people, things, money, information, and technology, which are components of overall corporate management. The training is both theoretical and practical, and students may aspire to become corporate managers, entrepreneurs, or management consultants.

- Faculty members for each major, subjects they teach, and research topics (alphabetical order)

Faculty Members	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor ISHIZAKA Hideyuki	Advanced Course in Financial Management	Cash Flow and Corporate Value
Professor PARK Yonggwon Moses	Advanced Course in Management Organization	Theory of Leadership and Innovation
Professor SATO Akihiko	Advanced Course in Industrial Siting	Siting by Industry and Firm

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Teaching Faculty	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor INOUE Hitoshi	Advanced Course in Human Resources	Human Resource Management and Career Design
Professor NOBUYOSHI Fumiaki	Advanced Course in Industrial Organization	Competitive Strategies in Oligopolistic Markets
Associate Professor TAKAHASHI Mita	Advanced Course in Global Strategic Management	International Division of Labor in the Software Industry
Associate Professor YATERA Akiyuki	Advanced Course in Management Strategy	Considerations in Practical Theory of Valuations in Market Transactions

(3) Logistics Strategy Study Track

The objective of this track is to develop practical skills in logistics and marketing so that managers can put them to work immediately. We focus on education and research applicable to a variety of areas to deepen and extend students' knowledge. Following the completion of this course, you will be able to apply your skills as a specialist in logistics and marketing to work in sectors such as general trading companies, manufacturing, retail and wholesale distribution, logistics, advertising, and travel and hospitality.

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Faculty Members	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor FUJIOKA Yoshirou	Advanced Course in Logistics	Firms and Creating Customer Value

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Teaching Faculty	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor ENDO Yoshiki	Advanced Course in Product Strategy	Product Management
Associate Professor FUKUMORI Toru	Advanced Course in History of Logistics	History of Logistics and Economics
Associate Professor SAKAI Hiroaki	Advanced Course in Consumer Behavior	Brand Switching Process
Associate Professor SUZUKI Yuya	Advanced Course in Marketing	Brand Management in OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Strategy

(4) Business Information Study Track

Management strategies in today's IT-centric society involve all areas of management/accounting and marketing. The objective of this track is to develop professionals capable of managing and analyzing this information. This track offers subjects related to information management and e-commerce.

- Faculty members for each major, subjects they teach, and research topics

Faculty Members	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor HARADA Yoshio	Advanced Course in Logistics	E-commerce and Business Models
Associate Professor WATANABE Teruyuki	Advanced Course in Information Analysis	Software Computing and Management Science

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Associate Professor TSUBOTA Yoshinori	Advanced Course in Management Information	Interpretive Considerations in Management Information systems

(5) Supply Chain Study Track

Occupying a crucial position in corporate strategy, the field of logistics is experiencing dramatic technological innovations. The activity once known as distribution has evolved into logistics and, further, into supply chain management (SCM), which forms the backbone of industry transactions. Innovative systems are a necessity today to respond instantly to demand both in Japan and internationally. The objective of this track is to nurture logistics professionals with the practical, high-level expertise demanded by corporate society.

- Faculty members for each major, subjects they teach, and research topics (alphabetical order)

Faculty Members	Subjects	Research Topics
Professor HAMASAKI Akihiro	Advanced Course in Logistics	Relevance of Corporate Logistics Level to Management Performance
Professor NAKAMURA Toru	Advanced Course in Transportation	Transportation Policies and Logistics Policies in the E.U.

6. Reduction of Tuition Fees and Scholarships for Foreign Students

30% of total tuition fees are reduced for international students to encourage learning and reduce financial burdens for everyday living upon application. We also offer the Osaka Sangyo University Graduate School Scholarship Program and the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship Program.

7. System of Exempting Honor Students from Paying Tuition

(1) One student in each major in the master's program will be exempt from entrance fees, tuition, and educational environment enhancement fees.

(2) The top 20% of students in each major in the master's program will be exempt from half of the tuition and educational environment enhancement fees.

*For foreign students in the top 20%, a 50% waiver in tuition fees is available upon application (on top of the 30% reduction).

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9. Requesting Materials

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<http://www.osaka-sandai.ac.jp/gs/dis/dis/>

(2) Digital Pamphlet of Graduate School of Business Administration and Distribution:

https://schoolappli-admin.jp/book/32QNNXTARM_5465/book.html

Doctoral Program

1. Diploma policy

The degree of Doctor of Business Administration is awarded to individuals who have written a doctoral thesis containing research results on a particular topic in the field of management, accounting, or commerce and on the basis of quantitative or qualitative research methodologies. The research must be deemed to contribute to the existing body of knowledge in that field. By so doing, the candidate will demonstrate the ability to frame research topics, conduct research, and engage autonomously as a researcher in research activities and/or advanced professional work. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to

- frame problems on research topics,
- analyze research topics,
- derive conclusions from analysis,
- prepare a doctoral thesis based on analysis outcomes, and
- design and implement research in an ethical manner.

2. Curriculum Policy

To cultivate the skills listed in the diploma policy, we have constructed a curriculum with the objective of developing people capable of conducting academic research on various problems in the fields of management and logistics from a global perspective.

3. Admission Policy

We seek students who aspire to become professionals or researchers conducting academic research on the phenomenon of dynamic change in the fields of management and logistics while taking an international and long-term perspective based on systems thinking. Students are expected to have the following attributes:

- an understanding of the challenges in the fields of management and logistics,
- a commitment to the academic analysis of the challenges in management and logistics, and
- a commitment to contributing to society through educational and research activities.

4. Student Selection and Timing of Entrance Exams

(1) Selection Method

Interview based on master's thesis and written research plan

(2) Timing of Entrance Exams

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